

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An intervertebral spacer inserted between vertebrae of a spine, comprising:

a body defined by a pair of upper and lower surfaces, a pair of side surfaces connected to the upper and lower surfaces, a front end side of the intervertebral spacer, and a rear end side of the intervertebral spacer; and

a withdrawal preventer formed on the upper and lower surfaces of the body, and formed asymmetrically in a sectional side view,

wherein the withdrawal preventer comprises a plurality of linear claw portions continuously extending from one of said pair of side surfaces surface of the body to the other of said pair of side surfaces of the body surface and continuously extending from said front end side of the body to said rear end side of the body, each of the plurality of claw portions having a vertex, with the respective vertexes arranged along a curved surface formed to extend generally longitudinally of the body, the upper and lower surfaces of the body slant such that a distance between the upper and lower surfaces at the front side of the intervertebral spacer is greater than a distance between the upper and lower surfaces at the rear side of the intervertebral spacer, and each claw portion is formed in an asymmetric triangle shape, in a section side view, defined by a first surface extending in the direction in which the intervertebral spacer is inserted, a second surface connected to a rear side of the first surface and one of the upper surface and the lower surface of the body.

2. (Previously Presented) The intervertebral spacer according to claim 1, wherein said intervertebral spacer is formed in a curved shape and a height of the middle of the spacer is greater than a height of at least one end of the spacer.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The intervertebral spacer according to claim 2, wherein the body is configured to have a shape of a curved surface on an insertion side such that it is tapered on the insertion side as compared with a rear side.

5. (Previously Presented) The intervertebral spacer according to claim 1, wherein an angle between the first surface of the claw portion and one of the upper surface and the lower surface of the body is larger than an angle between the second surface of the claw portion and one of the upper surface and the lower surface of the body.

6. (Currently Amended) An intervertebral spacer inserted between vertebrae of a spine, comprising:

a body defined by a pair of upper and lower surfaces, a pair of side surfaces connected to the upper and lower surfaces, a front end side of the intervertebral spacer, and a rear end side of the intervertebral spacer; and

a withdrawal preventer formed on the upper and lower surfaces of the body, and formed asymmetrically in a sectional side view,

wherein the withdrawal preventer comprises a plurality of linear claw portions extending from one of said pair of side surfaces ~~surface~~ of the body to the other of said pair of side surfaces ~~of the body surface~~ and extending from said front end side of the body to said rear end side of the body, each of the plurality of claw portions having a vertex, with the respective vertexes arranged along a curved surface formed to extend generally longitudinally of the body, the upper and lower surfaces of the body slant such that a distance between the upper and lower surfaces at the front side of the intervertebral spacer is greater than a distance between the upper and lower surfaces at the rear side of the intervertebral spacer.